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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Northington *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/638,954

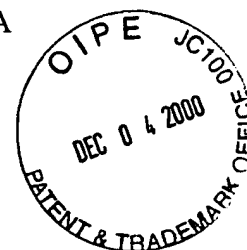
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For: Open-Architecture System for Real-Time Consolidation of Information from Multiple Financial Systems

Art Unit: 2161

Examiner: Unassigned

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Second Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application prior to the examination thereof.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those otherwise provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please add the following new claims 11-39.